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# WOMEN'S WEEKEND PREVIEW

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## UCONN AND VERMONT SKATE OVER HOLIDAY WEEKEND ~Huskies will skate at the Nutmeg Classic; 'Cats travel to Bemidji~

**WAKEFIELD, Mass.** – The Vermont Catamounts will get the holiday schedule underway on Saturday afternoon as they begin a two-game set with Bemidji State in Minnesota. No. 9 ranked University of Connecticut, the only other Hockey East team in action, will have a short trip to the Nutmeg Classic hosted by Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn. for action on Saturday and Sunday.

The Huskies (11-4-1, 4-2-1 WHEA) will play host Quinnipiac on Saturday night at 7 p.m., and conclude play on Sunday against Niagara or Yale. UConn owns a 2-2-1 record in its last five games, which includes allowing two goals or less in three of the last four contests. Sophomore forward Dominique Thibault (L'Orignal, Ont.) has recorded a team-high 24 points (12g,12a) in 16 games in her sophomore season. Thibault only needs one point to match her 25 points from her freshman season in 33 games for the Huskies. She ranks ninth in the nation, scoring 1.50 points per game.

Vermont, who has the longest holiday layoff of any Hockey East team, will play a game for the first time in 26 days against the Beavers on Saturday. The Catamounts have scored 17 of their 31 goals this season in the second period and have only allowed five goals in its last three games. Sophomore goalie Kristen Olychuck's (Kelowna, B.C.) 2.37 GAA ranks fourth-best among league netminders and she ranks 18th in the nation in GAA among Division I netminders. Vermont has already matched its goal production from last season in the 14 games of 2007 (31 goals), in comparison to 32 total games last season.

After the weekend, the majority of Hockey East teams will return to action the weekend of January 4 and 5. No. 1 ranked New Hampshire will resume play on Saturday, January 5 at Brown University. Boston College will host No. 5 St. Lawrence for a two-game series at Conte Forum, beginning Thursday, January 3. Northeastern and Providence will also resume play on Saturday, January 5th after lengthy holiday breaks.

**HOCKEY EAST WEEKLY NOTES:** UNH junior forward Sam Faber currently leads the league in scoring with 29 points (14g,15a) in 20 games. She currently ranks 13th in the nation scoring 1.45 points per game...Senior defenseman Kathleen Smith of Providence College ranks sixth in the nation among blueliners in scoring at 0.81 points per game...Terriers junior goalie Allyse Wilcox ranks seventh in the nation in save percentage (.926)...UConn's scoring offense and defense ranks 13th in the country...The Wildcats power play is the best in the nation at 27.0% (30-111)...BU has the longest current win streak of any Hockey East team at three games.

### RECENT RESULTS

Friday, December 14  
 at No. 2 New Hampshire 4, No. 1 Harvard 1

### UPCOMING GAMES

Saturday, December 29  
 Vermont at Bemidji State (3pm)  
 Nutmeg Classic at Quinnipiac  
 No. 9 Connecticut vs. Quinnipiac (7pm)

Sunday, December 30  
 Vermont at Bemidji State (3pm)  
 Nutmeg Classic at Quinnipiac  
 No. 9 Connecticut vs. Niagara/Yale (3/7pm)

Thursday, January 3  
 St. Lawrence at Boston College (4pm)

Friday, January 4  
 Princeton at Connecticut (7pm)  
 Providence at Niagara (7pm)  
 St. Lawrence at Boston College (4pm)

Saturday, January 5  
 New Hampshire at Brown (2pm)  
 Northeastern at Yale (2pm)  
 Princeton at Connecticut (4pm)  
 Providence at Niagara (2pm)  
 Clarkson at Vermont (2pm)

Sunday, January 6  
 Brown at Northeastern (2pm)  
 Clarkson at Vermont (2pm)

\* Hockey East game  
 All Games Eastern Standard Time (EST)

## 2007-08 STANDINGS

Rk.	Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Offense	Defense
1.	New Hampshire	9	9	0	0	18	17-3-0	79 (3.95)	27 (1.35)
2.	Connecticut	7	4	2	1	9	11-4-1	47 (2.94)	37 (2.31)
	Providence	7	4	2	1	9	6-8-2	46 (2.88)	48 (3.00)
	Boston College	10	4	5	1	9	7-5-3	38 (2.53)	34 (2.26)
5.	Boston University	6	3	3	0	6	6-9-2	54 (3.18)	49 (2.88)
	Northeastern	6	3	3	0	6	4-10-1	36 (2.40)	60 (4.00)
7.	Maine	8	0	6	2	2	1-16-2	23 (1.21)	67 (3.53)
8.	Vermont	7	0	6	1	1	4-9-1	31 (2.21)	36 (2.57)

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